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Act No. 106 (H.589). Human services; judiciary

An act relating to the reasonable and prudent parent standard

This act establishes the reasonable and prudent parent standard. The standard authorizes a foster parent who is determining whether to allow a child in custody “to participate in extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, and social activities” to make “careful and sensible parental decisions that maintain the health, safety, and best interests of a child or youth in the custody of the Commissioner [for Children and Families] while at the same time encouraging the emotional and developmental growth of the child...” The act specifies that a foster parent is not liable for injuries to a child in custody that occur as the result of acting in accordance with the reasonable and prudent parent standard.

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